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SESSION RE: UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REFORM

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(U) Poloff delivered reftel talking points to Peerasak Chantavarin, Director of the Social Division, International Organizations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). He immediately forwarded the points to the Thai Embassy in Geneva. However, Peerasak said that the Royal Thai Government (RTG) has not yet established a final position on formation of a working group in Geneva to discuss reform of the UN Human Rights Commission. He refused to speculate how Thailand would vote on the proposed resolution establishing a working group if it is presented to a formal meeting of the UN Economic and Social Council (ESOSOC). Peerasak said that the MFA is still listening and weighing different points of view on the issue. Poloff pressed and Peerasak conceded the point that reform of the UN Human Rights Commission will eventually have to be settled in New York.  
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